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s.13(1)(a)
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s.21(1)(a)
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s.69(1)(g) re (a)

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MEMORANDUM TO THE DEPUTY MINISTER

ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS
FOR INFORMATION

SUMMARY

- This memorandum contains the analysis of results after one year –
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- Overall, this :
- Although this and therefore Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)
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BACKGROUND:

- Canada lifted the visa requirements for nationals in 2016 and 2017, respectively.

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s.13(1)(a)

s.15(1)(i)i)

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CURRENT STATUS:

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- In the first year, IRCC officers manually reviewed an additional 19,920 eTA applications (or 8% of all applications received from these populations in this timeframe).
- Nevertheless, IRCC officers were able to

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- It is likely that some applicants who were refused eTAs although a figure cannot be quantified. However, any was overshadowed by broader trends.

- A detailed report on the is enclosed (see Annex).

COMMUNICATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

- While this briefing is for internal use only, and therefore no communications support is required.

NEXT STEPS:

- The Department will continue monitoring and reporting on the results
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Annex: Status Report on

eTA Applications

s.13(1)(a)
s.15(1)(i)i)
s.16(1)(c)
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s.21(1)(b)
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eTA Applications: Report

Background

s.13(1)(a)
s.15(1)(i)ii
s.16(1)(c)
s.21(1)(a) s.69(1)(g) re (a)
s.21(1)(b)

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The scope of this report will focus on highlighting the trends and results

report does not speak to the current state of the

As such, this

Predicting Results

Before implementing this measure, analysis was undertaken to estimate its potential benefits. To develop projections, IRCC relied on three main sources of data:

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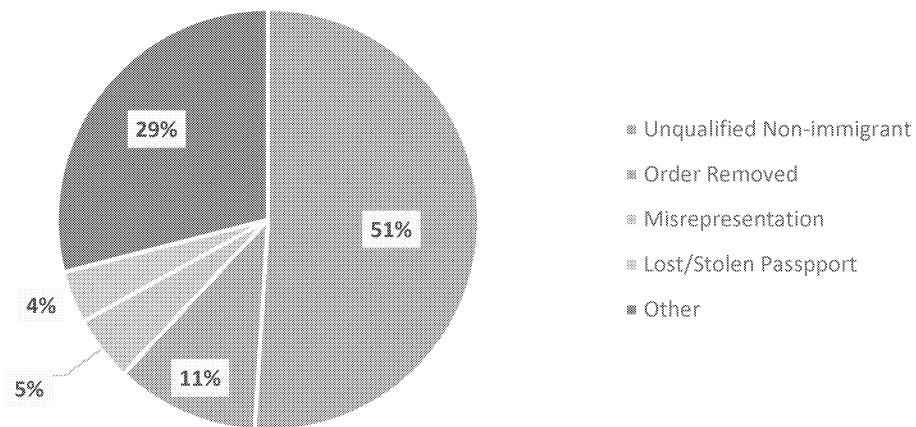
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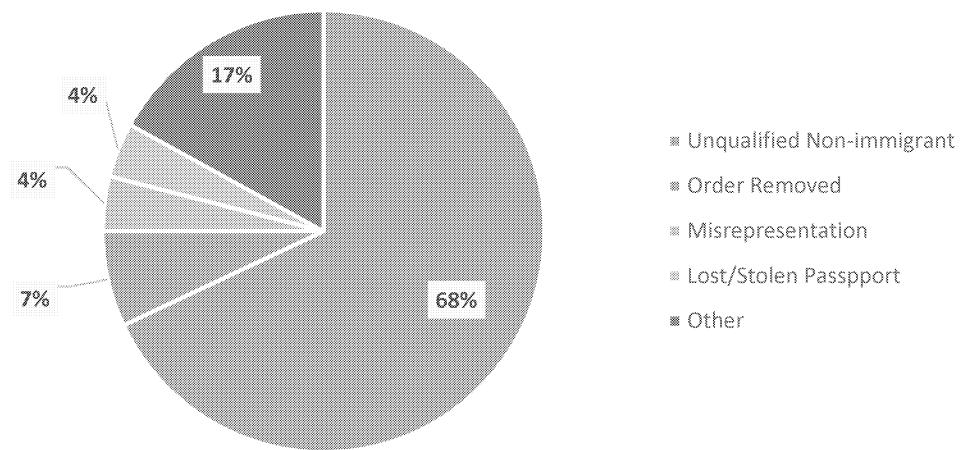
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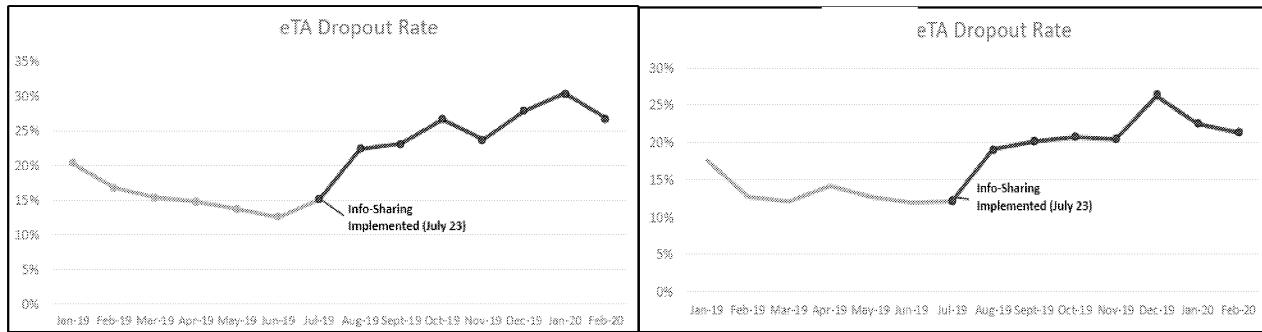


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Evaluation

i) eTA Processing and Refusals



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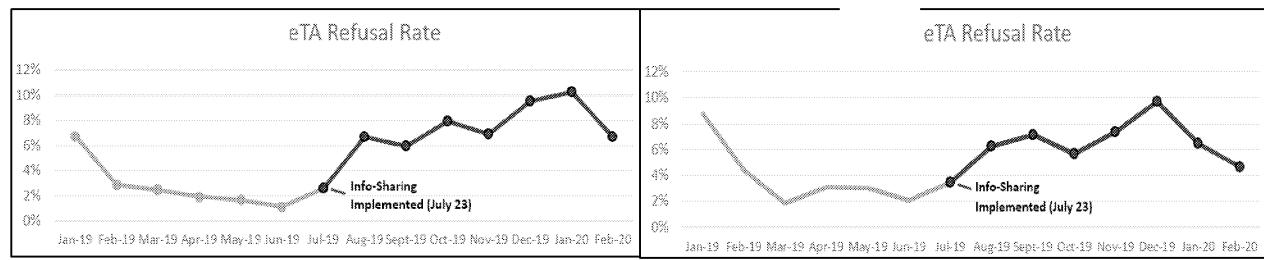
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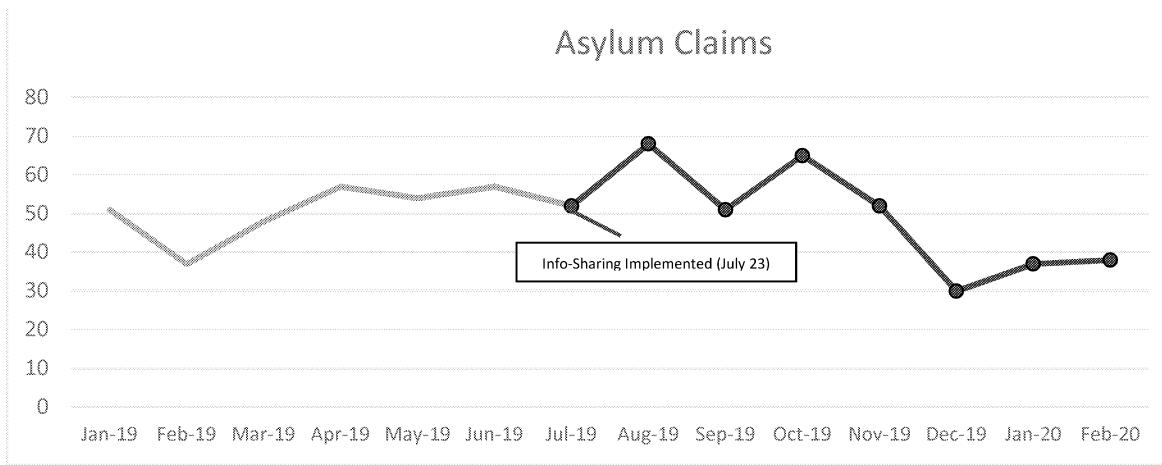
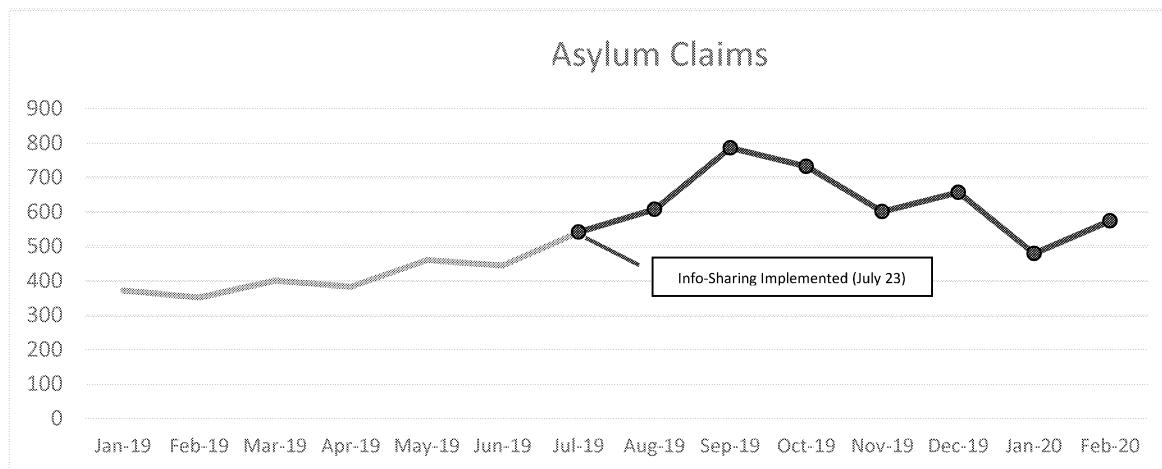
ii) Immigration Violations

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16(1)(c), 13(1)(a), 15(1)(i)i), 21(1)(a), 21(1)(b)

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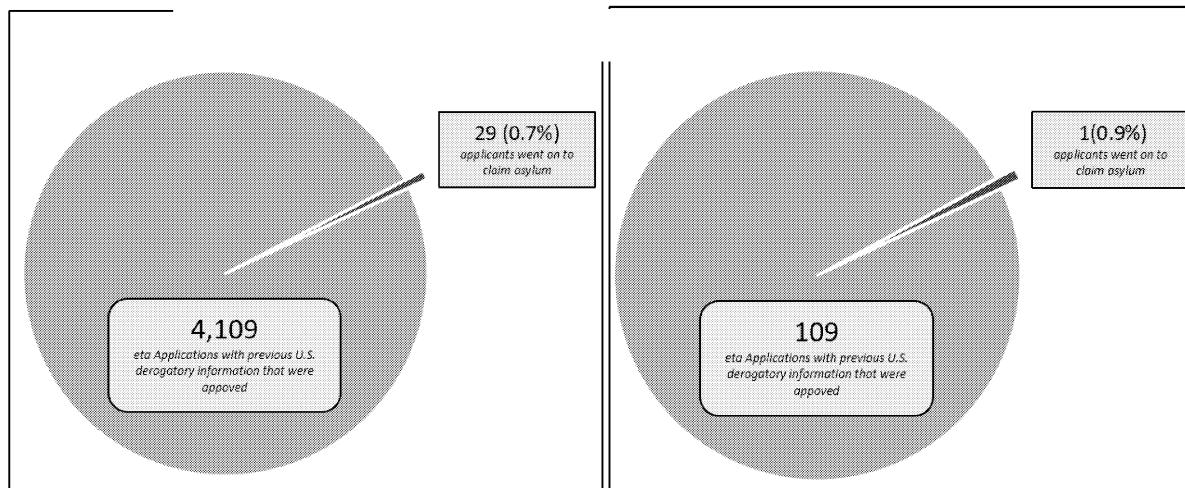


On a positive note, it appears IRCC officers have been able to accurately assess the risk of applicants

In the first year of this measure, IRCC officers went on to approve 4,218 eTA applications from nationals with

However, it is worth noting that an eTA remains valid for five years, permits multiple entries, and allows a visitor to stay in Canada for up to six-months at a time. As such, it is possible that a portion of the eTA applications that were approved

have either not yet travelled to Canada, or have arrived in Canada but have not yet



Revisiting Original Projections

s.13(1)(a)

s.15(1)(i)ii

s.16(1)(c)

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There are several possible reasons for this:

It is also possible that the nature of travellers from these countries has evolved

It is important to note that the eTA is designed to serve as a “light touch” screening measure for low-risk travellers. Unlike the visa application process, which requires more information from the applicant and allows for more scrutiny in the assessment stage, the eTA application process requires

The majority of the global eTA population (85%) is automatically approved by the program.

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